



City of Arts & Innovation

# Board of Library Trustees

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**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**DATE: AUGUST 24, 2020**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT: BOOK-TO-ACTION PROGRAM**

**ISSUE:**

Receive and file this report on the Book-to-Action Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this report on the Book-to-Action Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 20, 2019, the Riverside Public Library submitted a request to the California Center for the Book/California Library Association to participate in the Book-to-Action Program (Program). The purpose of the Program is to provide opportunities for readers to explore a book selected by the requesting agency and then put their knowledge into action with a specific community service project related to the book topic.

The allocated request is \$1,000 for speaker fees and/or books to be given away to the community. Book-to-Action is not a grant and is not a reimbursement program. The California Center for the Book will order copies of the book identified in the application and ship them to the Riverside Public Library and will pay invoices for speaker fees and giveaway books directly.

**DISCUSSION:**

On November 27, 2019, the Library's request to participate in the Program was approved by the California Center for the Book. The Library selected the book titled *Dream Land*, a book which focuses on the history of the opioid epidemic throughout the United States. Components of the proposed Program are outlined below.

1. Community Read and book discussion – *Dreamland* by Sam Quinones
2. Author Event—In conversation with Sam Quinones
3. Community Service Activity – Displays and a presentation related to the opioids epidemic

The Program was originally planned to be hosted in March and April 2020. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Library hosted a Community Read throughout the month of August and will culminate with an author event.

The Program was originally required to be completed by mid-June 2020 with a final report and survey due to the California Center for the Book in mid-July 2020. Due to library closures caused by the COVID 19 pandemic the California Center for the Book has extended the deadlines. Programs are required to be completed by August 31, 2020 with a final report and surveys due as soon as possible thereafter.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total allocation of \$1,000 will cover speaker fees and books to be given away to the community. The practice of the California Center for the Book is to not reimburse or offer funds directly to the Riverside Public Library. However, books were ordered directly by California Center for the Book and shipped to the Riverside Public Library. Invoices for speaker fees and giveaway books were paid directly by California Center for the Book.

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